

## REMARKS

The Office action mailed 10 March 2003, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Claims 1-51 were pending. By this amendment, claims 1-20, 24-44, and 47-49 have been canceled and new claims 52-68 have been added. Support may be found in the specification generally and the claims as originally filed. No statutory new matter has been added. Therefore, entry of the claims as amended is respectfully requested.

### Restriction Requirement

In the Office action mailed 10 March 2003, the Examiner required a restriction as follows:

- I. Claims 1-10 and 27-35 drawn to compounds of the structural formula I and pharmaceutical compositions thereof.
- II. Claims 11-20 and 36-44 drawn to compounds of the structural formula II and pharmaceutical compositions thereof.
- III. Claims 21-23, 45-46 and 50-51 drawn to compounds of the structural formula 3 and its bicyclic derivatives as well as pharmaceutical compositions thereof.
- IV. Claims 24-26 and 50-51 drawn to compounds of the structural formula 4 and its tricyclic derivatives as well as pharmaceutical compositions thereof.
- V. Claim 47 drawn to methods for using the compounds of Group I.
- VI. Claim 48 drawn to methods for using the compounds of Group II.
- VII. Claim 49 drawn to methods for using the compounds of Group III.

The Examiner deemed that claims 50-51 link Groups III and IV and will be examined together with either Group if elected as it pertains to the invention. The Examiner explained the compounds of Groups I-IV are unrelated, and therefore restriction is proper.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group III, without traverse. Applicants have cancelled claims 1-20, 24-44, and 47-49 which are directed to the nonelected groups. Applicants have added new claims 52-68 which are dependent on claim 21. The newly added claims are directed to methods of using the compounds of the structural formula 3 to make other related compounds. Therefore, the newly added claims, claims 52-68, should be properly examined as part of elected Group III.

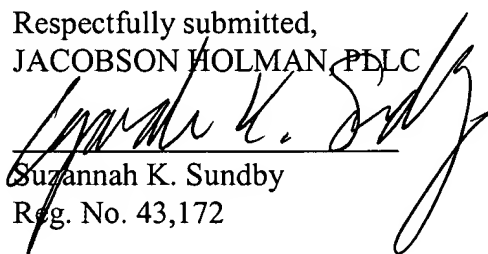
## CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. **06-1358**, referencing Attorney Docket No.

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